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SUBJ: ONR RESEARCH PROJECTS: (1) RADIOACTIVE TRACE

ELEMENT ANALYSES AND MARINE SAMPLES. (2) INFECTIOUS

HEPATITIS IN INDIA. (3) STUDIES OF SNAKE VENOMS IN
INDIA

REF: A. DELHI 8068

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE WE HAVE RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED FOR REVIEWING ALL NEW JOINT US-INDIAN RESEARCH
PROJECTS BEFORE APPROVAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE ONR PROJECT
ON INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS IN INDIA BE DEFERRED AT THIS TIME.
AS IS THE CASE OF THE USDA/ICAR PEST CONTROL PROJECT, REFTEL B,
WE WILL REQUIRE ASSURANCES FROM THE GOI THAT THEY WILL DEFEND
THESE PROJECTS AGAINST ADVERSE CRITICISM. WE INTEND TO
APPROACH NAG CHADHURI WITH THESE PROJECTS AND POSSIBLY OTHERS
NEXT MONDAY, JULY 7, ON HIS RETURN TO DELHI AND EXPRESS OUR
APPREHENSION WITH PROCEEDING WITH THEM UNTIL THIS SITUATION
IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. WE FEEL THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE
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HANDLED THROUGH THE AUSPICES OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMISSION

ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF SPACE HAS APPROVED ONR/
PHYSICAL LAB/AHMEDABAD RESEARCH PROJECT ON "RADIOACTIVE AND
TRACE ELEMENT ANALYSES IN MARINE SAMPLES." WE SUGGEST
ONR PROCEED WITH THE AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT
WHICH WILL BE AIR POUCHED TODAY.

3. ONR PROJECT "STUDY ON SNAKE VENOMS IN INDIA" HAS NOT YET
RECEIVED A FINAL REVIEW FROM THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL
RESEARCH, SO MUST BE DEFERRED (REFTEL D).

4. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTACT ONR IMMEDIATELY WITH THIS
INFORMATION SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED
OR DEOBLIGATED BEFORE COB JUNE 30.
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